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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated today, from H.E. Dr. Haris Silajdzic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to Your Excellency (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its attachment as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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Annex

Letter dated 28 August 1995 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Today the Serb artillery committed another massacre in Sarajevo, killing 33 civilians and heavily wounding 84. The majority of the wounded are in critical condition. This massacre represents the culmination of daily shelling of the city of Sarajevo. The killing of its civilians persists.

These activities of aggression, marked by massacres of civilians, always take place at a time when there seems to be more significant progress in the search for a peaceful solution. These crimes are another form of pressure on the legal Government and on our citizens, as well as on the international community and, in particular, on the direct participants in the international peace process. The goal is to extort new concessions and delay and impede the peace process.

The indifferent approach of the international community, the lack of an appropriate response in accordance with the resolutions of the Security Council and the decisions of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and, in particular, the NATO commitments after the recently held London Meeting, lead our Government and our people to doubt the purpose of the peace process.

The international community that is not ready to protect civilians will not be ready to implement the peace plan. The international community, in particular NATO, is responsible for protecting civilians since it persists in maintaining the arms embargo against the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Therefore, we request the United Nations Security Council and the NATO Council to decidedly and without further delay give us an answer whether they will protect the civilians in the United Nations designated safe areas in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina or not. Depending on this answer, the authorities of our country will have to take appropriate measures.

(Signed) Dr. Haris SILAJDZIC
Prime Minister